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Mortality and sanitary conditions.

There have occurred 8 deaths during the past fortnight, as follows: Fever, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; bronchitis, 1; injury, 1; epilepsy 1; dropsy, 1; stillbirths, 2. All of these occurred among the natives and Jamaicans of the lower classes.

No cases of quarantinable disease have been reported either in Colon or Panama.

There has been less rain this season than during the same period of previous years. Those portions of the town that at this season are generally under water are at present very dry. I have temporarily taken charge of the hospital of the Panama Railroad and have had an excellent opportunity for observing the health of the railroad employees. Very few cases of malarial fever have come under my observation and those only of the mildest type, very amenable to treatment. As a whole, the health of the men, considering the trying conditions under which they work, is exceptionally good. The sanitary work in Colon is still confined to cleaning up the worst places, and to facilitate the work most of the houses have been supplied with sanitary garbage cans. The care of the indigent sick is now in the hands of the sanitary department of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended October 7, 1904. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 2; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage. |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Oct. 2 | Preston..... | Mobile, Ala | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Fort Morgan | do | 22 | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| 6 | Bradford | do | 39 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 | Schr. Herald | Colon, C. Z | | 45 | 0 | (a) |

^a Not inspected.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Vaccination—One plague death—Circular relative to quarantine inspection of vessels bound from interisland ports to Manila.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports, August 31 and September 5, 12, and 14, as follows:

During the week ended August 27, 1904, there were no quarantinable diseases reported in Manila.

The following vessels cleared for United States ports:

August 23, 1904, the American schooner *Wm. F. Garms* for Port Townsend. The vessel was fumigated with sulphur throughout. The crew was vaccinated and inspected on board just prior to sailing.